

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: The report of the recommendation of the Committee is very simple in this instance. The only change we made was to switch the order of "environment" and "resources", because it is perhaps more necessary to modify "environment" than the "resources". We had to add the word "of".

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the Committee Chairman?

Delegate Penniman, in connection with this report, did you want to make any comment with respect to the work that the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement is doing as to the definition of law? I have raised that question simply because consideration of Committee Recommendation GP-3 was heretofore deferred pending further study of the other question by the Committee on Style.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: The same question will obviously arise when we talk about the question of local government, the words "by law", when antedated or preceded by "the General Assembly," means "the General Assembly by public general law" unless it is made an exception in the section which will appear in Article 3 on the legislative branch.

In that section we will list the exceptions which have been made in Article 7 as it came from the floor following the action of the Committee of the Whole. It will also include in it a reference to what was section 3.17a in the legislative branch, which dealt with the question of special laws.

When the word "by law" is used not preceded by the words "General Assembly", then we mean a law which may be a law of a county, but internal within the State. That is, the words may include the General Assembly by law or a law made by some lesser unit of government. We use in one instance the word "any law" where we mean the law including the federal law, or federal Constitution as well as the laws inside the State, but the exceptions will be included in detail.

I will read an item to you now. I would prefer not to debate it until we get to it, but in order that you understand the meaning of natural resources by law in that section, it might be worth noting that when we list the exceptions to the General Assembly by law, meaning public general law, we do include in it as one of the exceptions, the words "pertaining to natural environment and resources."

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any questions of the Committee Chairman?

Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, if I understand Delegate Penniman correctly, I am disturbed over the substantive change that the Style Committee has adopted which might be contrary to the intention in this particular instance on GP-3. We had understood that the General Assembly by law, right or wrong, was not intended to include by public general law, because of the many varieties and ramifications of natural resources throughout the entire State.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: What I was suggesting, Delegate Boyer, is that the one on conservation is an exception to the rule. We had talked with your Committee as you know, and we were making the exception to make it apply as you are suggesting.

THE PRESIDENT: Any other questions? If not, Delegate Penniman, I do not think it is desirable that you return to your seat just yet because we will probably not have too much debate, and you will have to come back again.

The Chair has received no amendments for Committee Recommendation GP-3. We are concerned now only with the stylistic amendments recommended by the Committee.

Are there any further amendments as to style?

The Chair hears none.

The question therefore arises on the approval of the amendments to Committee Recommendation GP-3 proposed by the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement and shown in the attachment to the report No. S&D-6. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the approval of these amendments, or the adoption of these amendments. A vote No is a vote against. Are you ready for the question?

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 96 votes in the affirmative, and 4 in the negative, the amendments to Committee Recommendation GP-3 proposed by the Committee on Style, Drafting and Arrangement are adopted.